



In re Appln. of Connors et al.
Appln. No. 09/091,508

 ~~(b) first and second end caps, each end cap being connected to an end of the pack, wherein one of the first and second end caps includes a seal having a larger outside diameter than the largest outside diameter of the hollow pleated pack and the other end cap and wherein the end caps include a polymeric, thermoplastic or elastomeric material.~~

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 ~~Separation elements may comprise two or more hollow pleated pack sections, joiner caps, and first and second end caps. The joiner caps are attached to at least one end of each of the two or more pack sections. Adjacent joiner caps are secured to coaxially connect the pack sections and joiner caps into a hollow separation arrangement which is at least about 40 inches in length and which has an interior diameter of at least about two inches. The first and second end caps are attached to the hollow separation arrangement. Separation elements may also comprise a hollow pleated pack and first and second end caps. The hollow pleated pack is at least about forty inches in length and has an interior diameter of at least about two inches. The first and second end caps are connected to the ends of the pack.~~